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### **Transportation Impact Fee Equivalent Alternative Study (Opt Out study) Guidelines per County Code Section 77.208.1**

The purpose of these Equivalent Alternative Study (EAS) guidelines is to more clearly define the criteria and process for preparing a cumulative traffic analysis that complies with CEQA requirements outside of using the County's TIF program. The general guidelines can be applied to projects on a countywide basis.

#### General Guidelines

1. The applicant should coordinate with County staff to develop a cumulative traffic analysis scope of work and define an adequate study area that considers such factors as the type of project and project site location.
2. The applicant should provide evidence (i.e. studies/analyses) to substantiate primary study area boundaries.
3. The cumulative traffic analysis should be consistent with CEQA, which may be based on a List of Projects approach (Past, Present, and Reasonably Anticipated Future projects) on the existing/currently built roadway network, or summary projections.
4. The applicant should demonstrate that the project's traffic beyond the primary study area, in combination with Past, Present, and Reasonably Anticipated Future projects, or summary projections, is not cumulatively considerable as identified in CEQA guidelines (Section 15130).
5. At the time of project application, the applicant will coordinate with County staff to determine the need for an EIR based on potential significant traffic and other environmental impacts.

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